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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/17/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/10/04
BRO-FRY	163,768	154,812
LT HENS	1,590	1,448
HVY HENS	1,506	1,216

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

WEEK ENDING 10-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	215	11	226
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	65	0	65
SAME WEEK YR AGO	326	0	326
TO-DATE/2004	6,362	83	6,445
TO-DATE/2003	6,957	96	7,053

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,576	1,240	2,816
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,517	1,354	2,871
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,479	1,515	2,994
TO-DATE/2004	42,420	35,078	77,498
TO-DATE/2003	50,818	36,975	87,793

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 10-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	145,999	1,361	1,229	2,590
AVG WT	5.15	3.27	8.10	5.56
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	160,885	1,452	1,354	2,806
SAME WK YR AGO	159,849	1,153	1,515	2,668
AVG WT	5.23	3.74	8.04	6.18
TO-DATE/2004	4,178,324	36,058	34,995	71,053
TO-DATE/2003	4,125,868	43,861	36,879	80,740

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 147.8 million head or 16.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 03-Jul-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	29,306	21,281	41,199
Avg Weight	3.63	4.81	6.27
% of total /1	32%	23%	45%
Last week	25,441	22,809	53,405
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.37
% of total /1	25%	22%	53%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,710	22,277	39,430
Avg Weight	3.88	4.86	6.05
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%
To date/2004	692,811	562,868	1,172,593
To date/2003	645,991	602,343	1,202,797

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING  
/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 10-Jul-04  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,535	2,236	63	4	3,838
AVG WT	16.00	36.50	24.63	42.59	28.11
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,809	2,728	44	5	4,586
SAME WK YR AGO	2,125	2,901	47	21	5,094
AVG WT	15.85	35.33	24.28	29.70	27.08
TO-DATE/2004	46,139	67,623	1,226	177	115,165
TO-DATE/2003	49,635	73,696	1,671	394	125,396

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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